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1. THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS HAVE BEEN FORWARDED THROUGH MISSION FROM P R ODGERS OF THE UK.
"DEAR MR HEMILY, THANK YOU FOR SHOWING US YOUR FOUR PROPOSALS WHICH WE HAVE CONSIDERED WITH GREAT INTEREST. OUR COMMENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:
PROPOSED US INITIATIVES AT CSTP MINISTERIAL MEETING
FOOD INITIATIVE. WE AGREE THAT A BETTER EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON CURRENT FOOD PRODUCTION AND RESEARCH IS DESIRABLE AND WE SHARE THE AUTHOR'S VIEW THAT CURRENT OECD INTERACTIONS IN AGRICULTURAL R & D ARE NOT AS HIGH AS THEY MIGHT BE. WE WOULD POINT OUT, HOWEVER, THAT BOTH EEC AND FAO ARE CURRENTLY DRAWING UP INVENTORIES OF THE TYPE MENTIONED. MOREOVER INTERNATIONAL
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COOPERATION IN AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH WAS DISCUSSED AT

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AN EXPERT MEETING ORGANIZED BY THE OECD DIRECTORATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FOOD IN SEPTEMBER 1973. SUBSEQUENTLY OECD CONDUCTED AN ENQUIRY AND HAVE RECENTLY CIRCULATED A PAPER, TAA/T/2469, 30 APRIL 1975, LISTING PRIORITIES BASED ON THE REPLIES FROM 17 COUNTRIES. THE RESULTS OF THIS ENQUIRY WILL BE PRESENTED FOR DISCUSSION AT THE THIRD WORKING CONFERENCE OF DIRECTORS OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH TO BE HELD IN PARIS IN DECEMBER 1975. ACCORDINGLY, WE FEEL IT MIGHT BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR THE MINISTERS TO DO MORE THAN DISCUSS THIS AT THEIR JUNE MEETING AND TO PASS ON TO THE DIRECTORATE OF AGRICULTURE THEIR IDEAS AND SUGGESTIONS, AND THAT THEY SHOULD LEAVE IT TO THE WORKING CONFERENCE OF DIRECTORS OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH IN DECEMBER TO MAKE FIRM PROPOSALS ON THESE QUESTIONS.

2. SCIENCE POLICY AND RESEARCH SYSTEMS. OECD HAVE PUT IN MUCH VALUABLE WORK ON NATIONAL SCIENCE POLICIES AND A REGULAR UPDATING WOULD INCREASE THE USEFULNESS OF THE PUBLICATIONS. IN UK WE HAVE MECHANISMS ALREADY FOR COLLECTING INFORMATION ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL POLICY DEVELOPMENTS IN OTHER COUNTRIES, AND THERE WOULD AS FAR AS WE ARE CONCERNED BE SOME DUPLICATION OF EFFORT IF THIS PROPOSAL WAS ADOPTED. NEVERTHELESS, PROVIDED THE NATIONAL INPUT REQUIRED ON A REGULAR BASIS WAS KEPT TO A MODEST LEVEL (AND NOT SO OFTEN AS THE PAPER SUGGESTS) WE WOULD BE READY TO SUPPORT THIS SUGGESTION.

3. INDUSTRIAL R & D TRENDS. WE ARE SYMPATHETIC TOWARDS THIS PROPOSAL WHICH WE THINK COULD BE THE BASIS OF A SMALL WELL-DEFINED PROJECT. WE ARE NOT CLEAR, HOWEVER, ON THE INTENDED TIMESCALES. PHRASES SUCH AS "TIMELY", "COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED REASONABLY QUICKLY", AND "REALISTIC (SHORT TERM) LOOK AHEAD" SEEM TO IMPLY THAT THE STUDY COULD PRODUCE USEFUL RESULTS FOR CURRENT SITUATIONS. WE ARE NOT CLEAR WHETHER THIS ISOSSIBLE AND WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE PROPOSED TIMESCALE MORE CAREFULLY DEFINED.

4. MATERIAL RESOURCES. WE DO NOT THINK THAT IT IS UNCLASSIFIED



POSSIBLE TO HAVE AN OVERALL PICTURE OF NATURAL RESOURCES SINCE THE PROBLEMS RELATING TO EACH MATERIAL ARE DIFFERENT. THE NATO SCIENCE COMMITTEE HAS PROPOSALS TO STUDY THE END USES OF MATERIALS AND WE REGARD IT AS IMPORTANT THAT OECD SHOULD NOT DUPLICATE THIS WORK. WE WOULD, HOWEVER, BE PLEASED TO SEE STUDIES ON MATERIALS UTILIZATION AND RECOVERY COMBINED WITH THE CURRENT CASE STUDIES BEING CARRIED OUT BY THE AD HOC GROUP ON

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